

Claims

- [c1] A hockey stick blade cover comprising: a closure shaped to enclose a hockey stick blade, said closure including a foot portion having a bottom, a toe and a top, and an ankle portion, said foot portion and said ankle portion including free edges which may be secured together; and means for securing said free edges together.
- [c2] The cover of claim 1, wherein said closure is flexible.
- [c3] The cover of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of said closure is stretchable fabric.
- [c4] The cover of claim 3, wherein said foot portion includes an inner surface which resists adherence to adhesive.
- [c5] The cover of claim 4, wherein said foot portion includes an outer layer and an inner layer which resists adherence to adhesive.
- [c6] The cover of claim 1, wherein said cover comprises flexible side panels each having edges connected along a bottom, a toe and a top, said abutting free edges extending along said ankle portion and a portion of said top.

- [c7] The cover of claim 6, further comprising a flexible band extending from said free edges along said top, around said toe and said bottom to and including said ankle portion, said panels being affixed to said band.
- [c8] The cover of claim 7, wherein said band is stretchable.
- [c9] The cover of claim 7, wherein each of said side panels includes a toe reinforcement panel of non-stretch fabric.
- [c10] The cover of claim 1, wherein at least one of said side panels includes means to provide ventilation to a blade enclosed by said cover.
- [c11] The cover of claim 10, wherein each of said side panels comprises at least one fabric layer and one rubber layer adhesively adhered to said fabric layer.
- [c12] The cover of claim 11, wherein at least one of said side panels includes a perforated ventilating portion.
- [c13] The cover of claim 12, wherein each of said side panels includes a perforated ventilating portion proximate said toe.
- [c14] The cover of claim 10, wherein said side panels are each affixed to a connecting band which extends from said ankle portion along said bottom to and around said toe

to said abutting free edges.

- [c15] The cover of claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises a zipper.
- [c16] The cover of claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises a zipper.
- [c17] The cover of claim 15, wherein each of said side panels comprises two fabric layers adhesively adhered to opposite sides of a rubber layer.
- [c18] The cover of claim 17, wherein at least one of said side panels includes a perforated ventilating portion.
- [c19] The cover of claim 17, wherein at least one of said side panels is assembled from more than one piece.
- [c20] The cover of claim 19, wherein said fabric layers resist adherence of adhesive thereto.